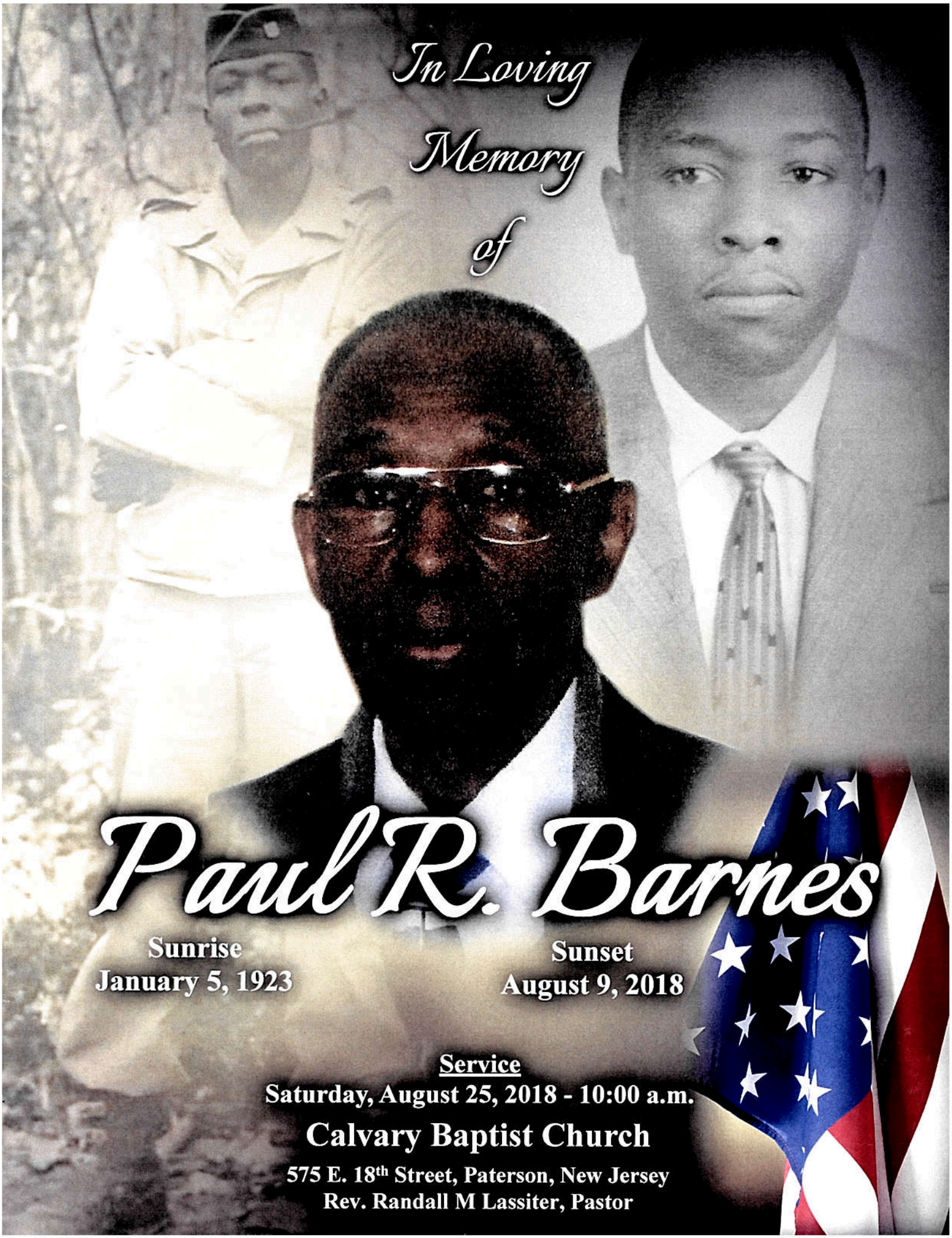
In Loving
Memory
of
Paul R. Barnes
Sunrise
January 5, 1923
Sunset
August 9, 2018
Service
Saturday, August 25, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
575 E. 18th Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Randall M Lassiter, Pastor

# *Obituary*

**Paul R. Barnes** was born on January 5, 1923 to the late Annie Estelle Raynor Barnes and Roscoe Barnes, in Goldsboro, NC. His mother, Annie died suddenly when he was eight months old. He and his sister Pauline were raised by their maternal grandparents the late Sudie and Elijah Raynor.

Paul attended Dillard High School and graduated in 1940. After high school, he attended Tuskegee University (formerly known as Tuskegee Institute) in Tuskegee, AL until his sophomore year when he was drafted by the US Army to fight during World War II. He was awarded a Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action and was honorably discharged in 1946. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to Tuskegee Institute and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Commercial Arts- Tailoring in 1950.

While attending Tuskegee, he met the late Hilma Ligons and they were married on Christmas Day, 1950. The couple moved to Mount Vernon, NY while Paul attended New York University and received his Master of Arts in Education in 1952. In 1952, the couple finally settled in Paterson, NJ where they both joined Calvary Baptist Church, and he served as a Security Officer.

Paul joined the Paterson Police Department for 15 years until leaving to teach Industrial Arts at Eastside High School in Paterson. As an educator, Paul was a positive role model and an advocate for youth empowerment. The Paterson Board of Education cited his many years of service to Paterson youth. He retired from Eastside High School as the Dean of Students in 1985.

Paul was a life member of the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and he acquired many awards exemplifying the four cardinal principles - Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. He was honored as the Chapter's Man of the Year in 1988.

Over the years, Paul received many awards from the Federal Government, the State of New Jersey, and the City of Paterson for outstanding character, leadership, and service to his country and community.

Paul also received law enforcement lifetime achievement awards for community service and recognition of devoted services from the Passaic County Constable Association where he served as an inspector for over 40 years.

The New Jersey Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro High School Alumni Inc. also recognized Paul for his scholarship donations and hard work throughout the years.

On Veterans Day 2017, Paul was honored by the City of Paterson for serving his country and receiving a Purple Heart in WWII. A reporter and photographer came to the house and Paul was very excited as he told them his war stories. Afterwards, his grandson Spencer placed a sharpshooter rifle at his side and put a helmet on his head. Then he was driven to Calvary Baptist Church in a classic historic 1953 military jeep. At the church, the celebration continued and Paul received several accolades and awards from representatives from the City of Paterson, State of New Jersey as well as the local chapter of his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi. It was beautiful and well-deserved tribute to an amazing man.

Paul was elated when the first black president Barack Obama was elected. He often wore his "Obama for President" hat everywhere he went. In addition, he even incorporated the "Obama fist bump" into his goodbyes to family members and friends.

Paul loved R&B music and one of his favorite songs was "Shotgun" by Jr. Walker & All-Stars. Paul also loved to dance, and he would stay on the dance floor all night. Paul had a great sense of humor that will truly be missed.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Hilma L. Barnes, Pauline E. Hill (Sister), Jene Hill (Niece) and Warren Webb (Nephew). He is survived by his loving and caring son Raymond G. Barnes, Crystal J. Barnes (Daughter-in-law), Spencer M. Barnes, (Grandson); Nieces and Nephews, Tujuana W. Bigelow, Darryl R. Hill (Evella), Jacqueline E. Williams, Jonas E. Williams Jr., Charlotte Ligons Thompson, Wendy J. Ligons, Teri Toles, Tony Ligons and Keevin Ligons; Very Special Friend, Keba Roberson; Special Friends, Carol Simmons, Dawayne Roberts, Leon Edmonds, Larry Tann and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, fraternity brothers and church family. The memories of Paul's love for his family, friends, country, and community will be cherished forever by the many lives he has touched throughout his life.

# *Service of Triumph*

*For I am ready to be offered, and*
*The time of my departure is at hand;*
*I have fought a good fight, I have*
*Finished my course, I have kept the faith*
*2 Timothy 4:6-7*

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Ti'jhon Williams

PROCESSIONAL ..... Scriptural Passages

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF COMFORT ..... "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" # 252

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Romans 8:31-39

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Deacon Leroy Coleman
Deaconess Annabelle Jones

MILITARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ..... Sister Marcenia Cofield

FAMILY RESPONSE ..... Raymond Barnes

SELECTION ..... "Higher Ground" # 419

RESOLUTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Deaconess Sandra Urquhart

REFLECTION OF LIFE ..... Deaconess Sandra Urquhart

SELECTION ..... Mass Choir
"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" # 256

EULOGY ..... REV. DR. RANDALL M. LASSITER

CLOSING SELECTION ..... "I'll Fly Away" # 601

RECESSIONAL ..... Scripture Passages

INTERMENT ..... George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus & Century Roads, Paramus, NJ 07653

## MILITARY DECORATIONS

Paul R. Barnes earned four Bronze Service Star Medals, American Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Bars, and a Purple Heart Medal.

**Purple Heart**

The Purple Heart is America's oldest military decoration. The Purple Heart is given to those U.S. military members who are wounded or killed while fighting in the nation's wars.

**The Four Bronze Stars**

**Ardennes Campaign**
The Battle of the Bulge was the last major German offensive campaign on the Western Front during WWII. American forces bore the brunt of the attack and incurred the highest casualties of any operation during WWII.

**Rhineland Campaign Offensive**
The Rhineland Offensive was a series of five allied offensive operations at the end of WWII. The operations were aimed at occupying the Rhineland and securing a passage over the Rhine River.

**Northern France Campaign**
This campaign was a war against Germany by the French Third Republic. With the landing of allies in France (Normandy, Provence), the German area was expelled, putting an end to the Vicky Regime.

**European Theater of WWII**
This was also known as the Second European WWII. This war was covered by heavy fighting across Europe, from Germany and the Soviet Union joint invasion of Poland.

**American Theater Medal**

This medal was intended to recognize those military members who had performed military service in the American Theater of operations during WWII.

**Good Conduct Medal**

The Army good conduct ribbon is given to any enlisted U.S. Army personnel who carries out three consecutive years of honorable and faithful service.

**Army Overseas Service Bars**

These bars are worn on any Army uniform to represent the total amount of time spent overseas. A service member may be presented multiple Overseas Service Bars where several years were spent in an overseas combat zone.

As an Army ROTC student at Tuskegee Institute, Paul was an honor guard at the funeral of scientist George Washington Carver.

Paul was a truck driver for the Red Ball Express in France during World War II. They supplied food, medicine, guns and ammunition to soldiers on the front lines.

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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It's with sadness we mourn the passing of our dearly departed Brother, Bro. Paul Barnes, 2-56-LU - Omega Chapter. Rest Ete...
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Happy
Birthday
Dad

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown

**Pallbearers**

Dawayne Roberts
William McDowell
Todd Harris
Ken Chase
Eddie Hammilton
Gerald Glisson
Jason Hall
Roshawn Davis

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Coy Mincey
Leon Edmonds
Casey Edge
Michael Mincey
Larry Tann
Arthur Easton

# Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Paul R. Barnes** expresses sincere appreciation to those who have celebrated his home going with us today and for all acts of kindness shown during his death. May God richly bless each of you.
~ The Barnes Family

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